

**\*\*\*\* LEGAL NOTICE—30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD \*\*\*\***  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
**CANNON BEACH DAY-USE AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Tongass National Forest, Yakutat Ranger District, is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cannon Beach Day-Use Area Improvement Project. The primary objective of this project is to improve the usability of the day-use area as a social gathering space with more seating and a better design; enhance access to the shelter by providing a gravel route to the shelter, an accessible path to each of the cannon sites, and two designated handicap parking spaces. Improvements to the site would benefit the community and area visitors.

The Responsible Official for this project is: Lee Benson, Yakutat District Ranger, P.O. Box 327, Yakutat, Alaska 99689, (907) 784-3457.

The scoping letter is available on-line at: [http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=37830](http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=37830). The scoping letter is also available for review at the Yakutat Ranger District office. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Lee Benson, Yakutat Ranger District, P.O. Box 327, Yakutat, Alaska 99689, (907) 784-3359, [labenson@fs.fed.us](mailto:labenson@fs.fed.us).

Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 days following the date of publication of this notice in the *Juneau Empire*, the newspaper of record for the Yakutat Ranger District. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action documented in an EA. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

The proposed project is an activity implementing the Tongass Land Management Plan and is subject to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. Persons submitting comments must provide the following information: name and address; title of the proposed project; specific written comments; and signature or other verification of identity upon request. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are listed at 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.

Specific written comments for the Responsible Official may be submitted via mail, other delivery service, email, fax, or in person to: Lee Benson, District Ranger, 712 Ocean Cape Road, Yakutat, AK 99689-032, [labenson@fs.fed.us](mailto:labenson@fs.fed.us) or [comments-alaska-tongass-yakutat@fs.fed.us](http://comments-alaska-tongass-yakutat@fs.fed.us), Fax: (907) 784-3457, or Phone: (907) 784-3359.

Business hours for hand-delivered comments are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic comments shall be in a format that is compatible with the current version of MS Word.

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